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**UTILITY
PATENT APPLICATION
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(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.

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First Named Inventor or Application Identifier

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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Alexandria, VA 22313-14501. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.3. ☒ Specification *Total Pages* 4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) *Total Sheets* 5. ☒ Oath or Declaration *Total Pages* a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)
i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed Statement attached deleting
inventor(s) named in the prior application, see
37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).6. ☒ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.767. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer
Program (*Appendix*)8. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
(if applicable, all necessary)a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)

b. Specification Sequence Listing on:

i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); orii. ☐ paperc. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney
(when there is an assignee)11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)12. ☒ Information Disclosure ☒ Copies of IDS
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations13. ☒ Preliminary Amendment14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)16. ☐ Other: _____

17. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

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Continuation-in-part (CIP)

of prior application No. 09/946,486, filed September 6, 2001
Prior application information: Examiner W. C. Vesperman Group/Art Unit: 2813For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.**18. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS**☒

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CLAIMS	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
	TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	11-20 =	0	X \$ 18.00 =	\$0.00
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	1-3 =	0	X \$ 86.00 =	\$0.00
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(d))			\$290.00 =	\$0.00
				BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))	\$770.00
			Total of above Calculations =		\$770.00
	Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).				
	TOTAL =				\$770.00

19. Small entity status

- a. ☐ A small entity statement is enclosed
- b. ☐ A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
- c. ☐ Is no longer claimed.

20. ☒ A check in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

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- a. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
- b. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.17.
- c. ☐ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.18.

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DATE	March 17, 2004

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In re Application of:)	
Yoshiharu KATAOKA	:	Prior Examiner: W.C. Vesperman
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Application No.: Divisional of Appln. No. 09/946,486,	:	Prior Group Art Unit: 2813
filed September 6, 2001)	
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Filed: March 17, 2004)	
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For: ALIGNMENT METHOD AND EXPOSURE	:	
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Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

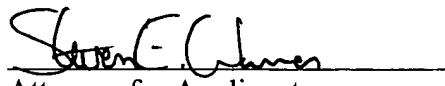
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TOTAL CLAIMS	11	MINUS	20	= 0	x \$9 \$18	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	1	MINUS	3	= 0	x \$43 \$86	\$0.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$145/\$290						—
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$0.00

- ☐ °Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.
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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the fee for a _____ month extension is enclosed.
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- ☒ Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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